



December 30, 2017

Honorable Council,

During our September 21, 2017 Neighborhood Improvement Committee meeting, an item was placed on the agenda regarding the unsightly shopping carts strewn about the Town. The motion made was specifically to ask the Council to pass an ordinance to compel supermarkets within the Town to install magnets on their shopping carts so to prevent patrons from taking them off their respective properties. The motion passed unanimously. The Neighborhood Improvement Committee is urging the Council to create and pass this ordinance.

One of the most pressing issues, second only to traffic, from speaking with residents and neighbors is what seems to be a decline in code enforcement. Miami Lakes has always been known for its beauty and many residents believe that we are not holding the standards from years past. The shopping carts issue is definitely a contributing factor to this perceived decline. It's important to note that this is not a random occurrence. Looking through the Town's app "Lake Life" it is apparent how bad the issue really is. Keep in mind that the actual numbers will be much higher than those reported on the Town's app. The shopping cart issue is particularly bad and most apparent, **but certainly not limited to** the 79th Avenue corridor from Miami Lakes Drive north to the guard gate on 162 Street. That said, they have been spotted and reported in many other parts of the Town as well.

Please consider this letter as notice of the Neighborhood Improvement Committee's position and official request to urge you the Council, to act expeditiously in creating an ordinance to this effect.

Respectfully,

Juan Carlos Fernandez, N.I.C Chair

